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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Chia Te Wu et al.

Application No.: 10/773,961

Filed: February 6, 2004

For: A METHOD AND STRUCTURE  
FOR LAYOUT OF CELL CONTACT  
AREA FOR SEMICONDUCTOR  
INTEGRATED CIRCUITS

Customer No.: 20350

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RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION (RCE)

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Sir:

Prior to considering the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a three month extension of time to submit the accompanying RCE is also filed herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.